

# Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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This Newsletter is produced for Hilmarton Parish Council  
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## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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Bingo 4<sup>th</sup> March in the  
Community Room  
6:45pm for 7:00pm start

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Phoenix 8<sup>th</sup> March in  
the Community Room  
7:30pm

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Moviola 12<sup>th</sup> March in  
the Church Hall at 7pm

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CAMEO 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Soup in the Church Hall  
from 12 – 2pm

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Garden Club 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March in the Church  
Hall at 7pm

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Contact a Councillor,  
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In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall  
Saturday 12 March at 7.30pm

Doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £6.00 from:

- 27 Poynder Place, Hilmarton 760215
- Breda Cottage, 34, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 (opposite chapel)
- The Duke Hotel 760634 where you may also order a pre-cinema meal at a special price or E-mail [MarkRickaby2@gmail.com](mailto:MarkRickaby2@gmail.com)

For more info call Geoff Procter on: 01249 760312

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## PRIVATE ENTRIES

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space, private entries may be  
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Donations of a minimum of  
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chosen Parish Group. Copy  
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Jacque Henly (760401)

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## SPRING AUCTION

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Viewing at 5.30pm - Auction at 6.30pm in Hilmarton Parish Church Hall  
To help towards the general running of our beautiful 700 year old Parish Church of St. Laurence. We are aiming to secure 100 items and promises to auction on the day

**Do you have any quality items or promises you are prepared to donate?**

Please contact Chris Mastin-Lee on 01249 760684 or [c.mastinlee@btinternet.com](mailto:c.mastinlee@btinternet.com) with a description or photo if possible. Thank you on behalf of our Church.

CAMEO - Celebrate St Patrick's Day  
Come along to CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) and enjoy a warm soup lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 12:00 till 2:00pm in The Church Hall.



### HGC Garden Tips - March 2016

March can be a changeable month when it comes to the weather and may be especially unpredictable this year after the long wet, windy yet relatively mild winter we've experienced in January and February. There is also still plenty of time for us to experience freezing temperatures, frost and snow. However, whatever the weather brings, there is still plenty to do in and around the garden in preparation for the warmer months. Just remember, spring in the garden is unpredictable and won't be hurried.

Here are some reminders of what you can be doing in the garden in March, now that winter (hopefully) is on its last legs

**Top 12 jobs this month:** Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes - Protect new spring shoots from slugs - Plant summer-flowering bulbs - Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials - Top dress containers with fresh compost - Tidy up and mow the lawn on dry days (if needed) - Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems - Weeds come back in to growth - deal with them before they get out of hand - Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters - Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days - Start sowing vegetable and flower seeds - Prune rose bushes.

**If you are interested in gardening and enjoy visits to stunning gardens do come along and see what Hilmarton Gardening Club can offer. We have a programme of varied and interesting speakers covering a range of topics, we organise trips to interesting gardens and we have a friendly group of members who will welcome you. Banish the winter blues. It is a great night out whatever the weather.**

**On March 22nd our guest speaker will be Jon Mason from Highfield Garden World. His topic for the evening will be PRUNING - why to prune, when to prune and what tools to use. He will cover shrubs, fruit trees, roses and climbers.**

Do put this date in your diary and look out for our 2016 news. Everyone is welcome to our meetings; we meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Come along and see us at the Church Hall, Swindon Road, Hilmarton. The doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. Refreshments are served during the evening. For more information call Lesley Hudson on 07803 741293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760312 or email us at [hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk)



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WHAT A VIEW!!

An old postcard depicting St Laurence Church when the Yew trees were much younger and just a few saplings grew in the garden of Sunnyside.

I think most people will agree, the removal of the very tall Leylandii from Sunnyside garden has given us back a view only a few of us remember.

Thanks must be extended to Helen and her family for removing a tree which was a real threat to the Churchyard wall.

Wiltshire Council Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: A3102 (Part), Hilmarton / Calne; from its junction with Beacon Hill to its junction with A3102 Beversbrook Road, Calne.

To enable: Wiltshire Council to carry out kerbing, carriageway resurfacing / patching work, road marking and adjustment of ironworks.

Alternative route: via A3102 (unaffected length) - A4 - A420 Park Lane - B4069 - A3102 (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on 30 March 2016 and it is anticipated that the closure will be required for one night between the hours of 19.00 and 06.00.



**BINGO** Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and raffle.  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm In the Community Room - Poynder Place  
 Our 'Snowball' is now £65 for 57 numbers!!!!  
 The draw for the February Ten Score Club will also take place.



## Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival 2016

Fancy making a scarecrow?  
 Entry forms available from Natalie Doust, The Duke, School & Pre-school  
 Unsure how to make your scarecrow?  
 Don't panic!

We are holding two scarecrow making workshops  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 12noon @ The Duke Hotel Barn.  
 If you would like to attend contact Natalie 01249 760199 to book your place.  
 All you need to bring are the clothes/outfit for your scarecrow, we'll supply the rest!  
 £5.00 per scarecrow - Refreshments will be provided.  
 The Festival is over the weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May - Theme - Professions/Jobs  
 Entry forms from Natalie or The Duke  
 Or Page 5 of the emailed version to this Newsletter



## DEMENTIA FRIENDS

The Parish Council are hosting an information meeting regarding Dementia awareness and the early identification of signs of Dementia.

The meeting will be held in the Community Room on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm.

### **Phoenix Meeting Tuesday 8th March 2016**

With Easter in March this year please bring an Easter Egg to decorate. The meeting will be in the Community Room Hilmarton at 7.30pm Tina will be on hand to provide help and instruction and some decorating materials if necessary.

Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting at a small cost of Adults £2.00 and Children £1.00 which will include refreshments. £1 will be requested to participate in the raffle. For more information please contact Ruth Allen 760205.

## **HILMARTON CALENDAR 2017**

Please start sending in your **seasonal** photographs of **somewhere or something local** - parish of Hilmarton, Goatacre, Corton, Clevancy, Beversbrook, Catcomb Highway, Littlecott, New Zealand, Rodwell, Witcomb and everywhere in between.

This is not a competition as such, but of course only twelve photographs can be chosen, so we need plenty to choose from - please get snapping!

The plan is to put all this together to have it ready for sale in aid of St Laurence's Church in autumn 2016.

And of course, photos from previous years are acceptable.

**Please e-mail your digital photographs to Sally Fox - [sally\\_fox@btinternet.com](mailto:sally_fox@btinternet.com)**

If you do not take digital photographs,  
 please give me a ring - 891442 - and I can probably scan your photo.

**The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park at 10:15 to 10:45am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

<b>CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN MARCH</b>		
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Family Service	4:00pm
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Service	6:00pm
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	St Laurence Church	11:00am
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning	10:00am
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup></b>	Worship in the week	2:00pm
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup></b>	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

**On Raising the Roof** I'm often intrigued by words and phrases that can be used in apparently opposite ways – one example being *cleave*, which links both to the cleaving together and to cleaving apart – depending on whether you are using the old prayer book marriage service or an axe.

'Raising the roof' is another such phrase: The concert was so amazing the applause raised the roof. They were so furious that they raised the roof at the next meeting. Both relate to noise and uproar; but the emotional content expressed is different. I found myself noticing that whether something is good or bad might be as much about how I respond to an event as the event itself. And of course, both praise and anger can be effective at energising people and events. It is, however, normally easier to be on the receiving end of encouragement rather than fury! I'm not, I hope, naively or foolishly copying Pollyanna. There's a place for the expression of difficult or unhappy feeling and if you live with depression, pain or some other challenge it is not always possible to look on the bright side of life, in spite of the song in Monty Python's 'Life of Brian'.

The phrase 'raising the roof' has been on my mind because Christ Church in Broad Town has discovered that the church needs a new roof within a twelve month.

Yet to my surprise I find I am excited about the possibilities offered by the difficult challenge of 'raising the roof' in Broad Town – and delighted at the way people have responded. There has been no uproar, but a lot of extra work has been undertaken – mainly by people giving their time and skills voluntarily.

The cost is approximately £46,000 and over £10K has already been raised by the church and the village friends in the past for such an eventuality. In one meeting we worked this out as needing in 2016 to raise £900 pounds for each person on the church's electoral roll of 40 – it's active membership if you like. This would be an enormous ask for many but there's something about knowing what we are looking at that helps. Beyond the Church this would in the village work out as £90 for each person in the village (using a ballpark figure for Broad Town of 400). For some people this would still be an enormous amount of money to find as an extra. Yet – it seems within our grasp – especially if we continue getting a little bit of help from our friends and that 'raising the roof' might also build connections and friendships.

It also reminds me that while we are facing at least a temporary time without a roof under which to worship God or welcome a newly christened child, or a couple getting married or saying farewell to a loved one that there are those who are without a roof for daily shelter.

It may be that for these too we should raise the roof in either celebration or a passion for justice.

Reverend Rachma Abbott, Priest in Charge Woodhill Benefice, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY.

Tel 01793 731134

Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2pm Worship in the Week in Hilmarton Chapel Communion		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Women's World Day of Prayer in the Methodist Church in Lyneham		
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Family Service for Mothering Sunday	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	8am Clyffe Pypard, Communion 9:15am Tockenham, Family Communion 11am Broad Town, Family Service
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Family Communion	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am Clyffe Pypard, Communion 5pm Tockenham, Evensong
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	5pm Evening Worship	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	8am Broad Town, BCP Communion 9am Clyffe Pypard, Liturgy of the Palms, Family Service 11am Tockenham, Passion Gospel, Communion
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Maundy Thursday - 7:30pm Clyffe Pypard, Benefice Communion with stripping of the altar.</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Music and Meditation for Good Friday	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Tockenham, Children's Workshop
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Family Communion	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	8am Broad Town, Communion 9:15am Tockenham, Family Communion 11am Clyffe Pypard, Family Communion

**CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL & THE ANNUAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING**

this year is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April after the 11am Family Service and refreshments in the Church.

It is open to **everyone**: feel more involved in your Parish Church - see who the Parochial Church Council members are - and vote for them and/or new candidates - understand how your contributions are used - and how much it costs to keep our Church running

If you live in Hilmarton Parish and/or you come to Church, and your name is not already on the Church Electoral Roll, you can enrol by using the forms in Church, from Sally Fox ([sally\\_fox@btinternet.com](mailto:sally_fox@btinternet.com) or 01249 891442) or on page 6 of the emailed version of this newsletter, by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 please.

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other special services please phone Rev'd Abbott (01793 731134), Lay Pastoral Assistant – Val Procter (760312) or Churchwarden, John Henly (760401)

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE APRIL EDITION BY 18th MARCH PLEASE** TO: Mel Wilkins 760572 [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) - Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 [jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com) - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 [geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk) **ENTRY IN Microsoft 'WORD' FORMAT PLEASE**

## The Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival 2016

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016. 10.00am – 4.00pm both days.**

### Theme 'Professions – Jobs!'

If you would like to enter a scarecrow, please complete the entry form below and return it to Natalie Doust at 'Peartree Cottage' Compton Road, Hilmarton. **NO LATER** than Sunday 3rd April 2016.

We ask for your Scarecrow to be in position by 9.00am Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, You may remove your scarecrow if you like after 5.00pm, but it needs to be in position again by 9.00am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please **DO NOT** remove Scarecrows before 4.00pm on Sunday but **we do ask for you to remove them within 48 hours** to get the village back to normal.

Your Scarecrow should be positioned so that people do not have to enter your premises.

If you do not live in the village but would like to enter a scarecrow, just complete the form below and we will give you a location to place your crow.

A fee of £2.50 per scarecrow is required to enter.

People taking part in the trail will vote for their favourite scarecrow. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place **cash** prizes! Winners will be announced on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

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### SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

Name:	
Address:	
Contact Tel No.	
Email address:	
Title of Scarecrow: (Chosen Profession - Job)	
Location of crow or if a location is required	
Created by: (Name how you would like it on your scarecrow)	

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF .....



Full name .....

Full Address .....

..... Postcode .....

I declare that

1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over, (or, become 16\* on .....

2. \*\*\*

**A** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

OR

**B** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

OR

**C** I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed ..... Date .....

\* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the Roll on their sixteenth birthday.

\*\*\* Tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C.

## Notes

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add "but was prevented from doing so because ....." and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.